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AIR FREIGHT UP 10.4% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 22, 1989 -- Air freight increased 11.4 percent in April, compared to April a year ago, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in April rose 3.8 percent. Mail decreased 0.6 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 2.8 percent again.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers in April was up 19.9 percent. Mail increased 6.5 percent, and total international cargo had a gain of 18.7 percent.

In the first four months of this year, domestic air freight rose 5.3 percent. Mail had a gain of 0.3 percent, and total cargo grew 4.2 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first four months of 1989 was up 167 percent. Mail gained 7.8 percent, and total cargo rose 15.9 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS (REVISED)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
APRIL	1989	415,284	110,317	525,601	420,712	37,992	458,704	835,996	984,305
APRIL	1988	388,224	108,466	496,690	348,843	35,299	384,142	737,067	880,832
PERCENT CHANGE		7.0	1.7	5.8	20.6	7.6	19.4	13.4	11.7
4 MONTHS	1989	1,600,020	441,601	2,041,621	1,573,790	151,101	1,724,891	3,173,810	3,766,512
4 MONTHS	1988	1,506,451	436,407	1,942,858	1,344,952	139,564	1,484,516	2,851,403	3,427,374
PERCENT CHANGE		6.2	1.2	5.1	17.0	8.3	16.2	11.3	9.9

NOTE: Carriers included: Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.